

NEWS RELEASE:

December 13, 2007

On-Call Media Beeper: (828) 444-1149

Mangusan receives national nursing certification

(Hendersonville, NC) Ralph Mangusan, RN, BSN, BC, of Pardee Hospital's Medicine/Oncology Unit, recently achieved national certification in medical-surgical nursing from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC).

In order to receive this certification, Mangusan passed a lengthy exam, completed at least 2,000 hours in medical/surgical nursing, works as an RN for at least two years, and completed at least 30 hours of continuing education.

"Ralph is a dynamic, compassionate nurse and we are proud to have him on our nursing team," said Sandy Weeks, RN, MSN, CRRN, CNAA, director of Medicine and Oncology Nursing. "We are delighted that he received this important certification."

The ANCC is the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization, offering general and advanced practice certification in more than 35 specialty areas. ANCC certifications and designations are highly regarded by federal, state and local agencies. The ANCC is a subsidiary of the American Nurses Association (ANA).

Pardee Hospital is a not-for-profit community hospital founded in 1953. The main hospital is licensed for 222 acute care beds and is the second largest employer in Henderson County. The hospital has several locations separate from the main campus, including a 130-bed nursing facility, an adult day services center, a health education center in the Blue Ridge Mall, home care services, a

rehab and wellness center, a midwifery program, various family and internal medicine practices, and an urgent care facility. More information is available at www.pardeehospital.org.

###